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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Women's Business Center Initial Grant

Closing Date for Applications: August 5, 2010

The function of the Women's Business Center Initial Grant Program is to provide funding to non-profit organizations to start a new, community-based women's business center. Women's Business Centers provide technical assistance to women entrepreneurs, both nascent and established. A representative number of clients served by each WBC must be socially and economically disadvantaged. [Learn more...](#)

RESOURCES

Children of Immigrants: Family and Parental Characteristics

Urban Institute

This data brief is the second in a series that profiles children of immigrants using up-to-date Census data and other sources. The first brief highlighted the fast growth of the immigrant population and the increase in children of immigrants, along with important demographic trends. The current publication describes the family circumstances of children of immigrants, including family structure and parental employment. [Learn more...](#)

New government service provides free cell phone for low-income families

Safe Link

Under a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) program called Lifeline, a new federal program is providing free cell phones and service to low-income households for emergencies. Lifeline was created 25 years ago to ensure land line phone access was affordable to rural and poor communities. [Learn more...](#)

PUBLICATIONS

How Effective Are Different Approaches Aiming to Increase Employment Retention and Advancement?

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The Employment Retention and Advancement (ERA) project was designed to evaluate and analyze employment retention and advancement models from around the country, and identify key strategies to best support families. From the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation, this report summarizes 12 models of employment retention and advancement from the evaluation and key strategies employed by these programs to best serve their participants. [Learn more...](#)

An Examination of the Social and Physical Environment of Public Housing Residents in Two Chicago Developments in Transition

Urban Institute

This report was designed to shine a spotlight on the immediate physical and social environment of residents who were living in two distressed public housing developments in 2007. While past research has similarly described the high incidence of depression and the high levels of disorder and violence within older, urban public housing developments, this report was intended to bring those factors together to uncover the pathways that influence mental health. We find evidence that suggests that physical and social disorder create cues that take a toll on residents through negative feelings about neighborhood cohesion and the neighborhood's ability to come together in a time of need. In addition, we find that economic stressors, which include threats of eviction, not being able to pay bills, or buy food for oneself, is associated with depression. [Learn more...](#)

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